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Examiner: Ghashghaee

For: PROCESS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF SURFACES

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

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Sir:

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The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on July 13, 2001, to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-11, Group II, claims 12-13, and Group III, claims 14-15.


In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on July 17, 2001 to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1-11) in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with

traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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